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THE EPISTLE

From Our YEARLY-MEETING held in London, from
the 21st Day of the 3d Month, to the 26th Day of
the same, 1711.



To the Quarterly and Monthly-Meetings of Friends and
Brethren in Great-Britain, and Elsewhere.

Beloved Friends,

IN true and tender Love in our Lord Jesus Christ, is
our renewed Salutation unto you, Blessing our most
Gracious God, for the Continuance of his Goodness, and
manifold Mercies unto us, and heartily desiring your Pre-
servation, and Prosperity in his dear Son Christ Jesus, in
all Things, to his Glory, and your Peace and Comfort, in
the faithful Discharge of the Christian Care and Trust the
Lord hath committed to you, in order to promote and
maintain Gospel-Order in the Churches of *Christ*.

This EPISTLE is Recommended to your Tender No-
tice, as being a Living and Sensible People.

The many Accounts we had from the Respective Coun-
ties in *England* and *Wales*, of Truths Prosperity; import-
ing the Enlarging the *Sanctuary of the Lord*, and preparing
many People for himself: And especially of Love, Union,
and Good Order among FRIENDS, were very acceptable
and comfortable to this Our Solemn Assembly. Knowing
that where *Charity* is put on; and *Love* abounds, there
is the Principal Comfort of our *Christian* and *Holy Society*.

It was also matter of Joy, to hear from divers Parts,
of the Lord's Merciful Visitation, taking hold of some of
Our young Generation, Bowing their Souls before him;
who deserve your Christian Notice, and tender Care, for
their Help and Encouragement in the Love of the Truth:

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for it is the hearty Travel of Friends, that we may see more of that blessed Work upon the Youth among Us. But on the other hand, we are sorrowfully Affected; because of those, whose Love to PRIDE, and other Vanities of the World, is too apparent, by their declining the humble, meek, and self-denying Example of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

We likewise have received Good Accounts, as well by the Verbal Relations of some Publick Friends, (who have Travelled in the service of Truth in *Holland*, and divers other *Eastern Countries*, and in most of the *English Provinces*, on the Main Land of *AMERICA*;) As also by Epistles from *Scotland*, *Ireland*, *Holland*, *Freizland*, *Frederickstadt*, *Maryland*, *Virginia*, *Long-Island*, *Road-Island*, *Pensylvania*, and the Two *Ferseys*; which Accounts were very acceptable and Refreshing to the Meeting.

The Sufferings Our Friends are under at Present, are mostly for their Testimonies against the Payment of TITHES, and those called *Church-Rates*; for which, by the Accounts now brought up from the several Counties in *England* and *Wales*, it appears, There hath been taken from Friends to the Value of *Five Thousand Pounds*, and upwards, since the last Account; and that there are *Twelve Prisoners* for the same, notwithstanding *Eight* have been discharged since last Year.

And now, dear Friends, We tenderly Advise you all to keep to the Lord's Power, and Wait for his Wisdom in all your Meetings; so will your own Spirits be kept in Subjection to his, and you will be Cloathed with the *Meek Spirit of the Lamb*, in which you will be tender of the Lord's Glory, and of one another, watching over the Flock of *Christ* in Meekness of Wisdom: so will you have a clear Discerning between them that serve God, and them that serve him not; and have Dominion over every perverse unruly Spirit, and place Judgment upon it, and thereby keep it out from among you.

And we beseech you to keep to the Truth, as it is in Jesus, holding him your Heavenly Head in all Things,
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who is the Author of our *Salvation*; for which End the Father gave him: To whom, for all his manifold Mercies, through his Beloved Son, the immaculate Lamb, be all Honour, Glory, and Praise; with Love, Fear, Service, Reverence, and Obedience World without End.

So with very dear and tender Love in our Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, we Conclude with this Ancient Apostolical Counsel, Above all things put on CHARITY, (that is Love) which is the Bond of Perfectness; and let the Peace of God Rule in your Hearts, to which ye are also called in one Body, and be thankful, Col. 3. 14, 15.

Hoping the Lord in Mercy will give Friends an Opportunity to Meet at the usual Time next Year: It is desired that such Friends as may be sent to Our Yearly-Meeting, from the Respective Quarterly-Meetings, may be well Approved, and known to be of Unblameable Conversations, walking in Love and Unity with Friends.

Signed in Behalf of the Yearly-Meeting,

By BENJAMIN BEALING.

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Signed in 1854 5th Yearly-Meeting,

WILLIAM B. BAKER